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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF }  
12 CALIFORNIA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 MICHAEL JEROME GARRETT,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. EDCV 12-0929-UA (DTB)

ORDER SUMMARILY REMANDING  
IMPROPERLY-REMOVED ACTION

18 The Court will remand this misdemeanor criminal action to state court summarily  
19 because defendant removed it improperly.

20 On June 7, 2012, defendant Michael Garrett, having been charged in what appears  
21 to be a misdemeanor criminal action in Riverside County Superior Court, lodged a Notice  
22 of Removal of that action to this Court and also presented an application to proceed  
23 *in forma pauperis*. The Court has denied the latter application under separate cover  
24 because the action was not properly removed. To prevent the action from remaining in  
25 jurisdictional limbo, the Court issues this Order to remand the action to state court.

26 Simply stated, plaintiff could not have brought this action in federal court in the first  
27 place, in that defendant did not competently allege facts supplying either diversity or  
28 federal-question jurisdiction on the basis alleged and, therefore, removal is improper. 28

1 U.S.C. § 1441(a); see Exxon Mobil Corp v. Allapattah Svcs., Inc., 545 U.S. 546, 563, 125  
2 S. Ct. 2611, 162 L. Ed. 2d 502 (2005). Even if complete diversity of citizenship exists,  
3 the action which defendant seeks to remove is a state criminal action, which cannot be  
4 removed to federal court pursuant to the grounds upon which defendant seeks removal,  
5 *i.e.*, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446. Pursuant to these statutes, only civil actions may be  
6 removed to federal court. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

7 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that (1) this matter be REMANDED to the Superior  
8 Court of California, Riverside County, 4100 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, for lack  
9 of subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1447(c); (2) that the Clerk send a  
10 certified copy of this Order to the state court; and (3) that the Clerk serve copies of this  
11 Order on the parties.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.  
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15 DATED: June 18, 2012

*AAC:cm*  
16 AUDREY B. COLLINS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

17 Presented by:  
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*David T. Bristow*

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21 United States Magistrate Judge  
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